

| South Carolina Department of Corrections<br>Recidivism Rates of Inmates Released during<br>FY 2014 - FY 2016 |   |                |                |
|--|---|----------------|----------------|
|  | Year of Release                           |                |                |
|  | FY 2014                                   | FY 2015        | FY 2016        |
| <b>Total Number of Releases</b>  | <b>9,485</b>                              | <b>9,354</b>   | <b>9,147</b>   |
| <b>Percentage of Releases who Returned to SCDC:</b>  | <b>Recidivism Rate by Year of Release</b> |                |                |
|  | <b>FY 2014</b>                            | <b>FY 2015</b> | <b>FY 2016</b> |
| Within One Year or Less  | 5.6%                                      | 5.8%           | 5.5%           |
| Within Two Years or Less   | 15.2%                                     | 15.7%          | 14.2%          |
| Within Three Years or Less   | 22.7%                                     | 22.3%          | 21.2%          |
| <b>Comparison of 3-Year Recidivism Rates by Inmate Attributes</b>  |   |                |                |
| <b>Attributes</b>  | <b>FY 2014</b>                            | <b>FY 2015</b> | <b>FY 2016</b> |
| Overall Rate   | 22.7%                                     | 22.3%          | 21.2%          |
| <b>Gender</b>  |   |                |                |
| Males  | 23.7%                                     | 23.1%          | 21.9%          |
| Females  | 14.8%                                     | 16.2%          | 15.7%          |
| <b>Type of Release</b>   |   |                |                |
| Maxout (Expiration of Sentence)  | 18.7%                                     | 18.6%          | 17.1%          |
| Parole   | 19.0%                                     | 19.5%          | 16.8%          |
| Probation  | 34.3%                                     | 31.3%          | 29.6%          |
| Community Supervision  | 12.0%                                     | 12.9%          | 12.6%          |
| Supervised Reentry   | 27.9%                                     | 25.1%          | 27.1%          |
| Youthful Offender Act* - Parole  | 30.9%                                     | 31.9%          | 33.7%          |
| Youthful Offender Act* - Maxout  | 25.0%                                     | 32.8%          | 24.7%          |
| Youthful Offender Act* - Intensive Supervision Parole  | 28.9%                                     | 30.3%          | 30.6%          |
| <b>Age at Release</b>  |   |                |                |
| Under 25 Years   | 28.5%                                     | 29.1%          | 31.4%          |
| 25-30 Years  | 23.4%                                     | 24.1%          | 20.7%          |
| 31-40 Years  | 21.9%                                     | 19.7%          | 21.3%          |
| Over 40 Years  | 19.1%                                     | 19.2%          | 16.2%          |
| <b>Program Participation</b>   |   |                |                |
| Pre-Release  | 20.8%                                     | 20.4%          | 19.9%          |
| Work Program   | 22.6%                                     | 16.3%          | 15.8%          |
| Labor Crew   | 21.9%                                     | 18.0%          | 17.4%          |
| Labor Crew/Work Program  | 21.8%                                     | 18.0%          | 17.3%          |
| Prison Industry  | 12.5%                                     | 13.4%          | 10.9%          |
| GED Earned in SCDCC Education Program  | 21.3%                                     | 17.3%          | 15.8%          |
| <b>Sentence Type</b>   |   |                |                |
| Youthful Offender Act*   | 29.7%                                     | 30.8%          | 30.5%          |
| Straight-time  | 21.9%                                     | 21.4%          | 20.3%          |
| <b>Criminal History</b>  |   |                |                |
| Had Conviction and/or Commitment   | 25.6%                                     | 25.4%          | 22.8%          |
| Had Commitment   | 26.8%                                     | 26.7%          | 23.4%          |
| No Known Priors  | 18.0%                                     | 17.4%          | 18.6%          |
| <b>Mental Health Classification at time of release</b>   |   |                |                |
| Mentally Ill   | 25.8%                                     | 24.4%          | 24.7%          |
| Non-Mentally Ill   | 22.3%                                     | 22.1%          | 20.8%          |

\* Youthful Offender Act (YOA) inmates serve an indeterminate sentence of 1 to 6 years. "Intensive Supervision Parole" releases began in FY13; this parole program includes "first time" youthful offenders who undergo intensive programs/oversight while institutionalized and while on parole supervision.

| South Carolina Department of Corrections<br>Profile of Inmates in Institutional Count<br>(Including Inmates on Authorized Absence) as of June 30, 2019 |                 |                   |                  |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Characteristics  | Male Population | Female Population | Total Population |
| <b>TOTAL Inmates Population</b>  | <b>17,478</b>   | <b>1,370</b>      | <b>18,848</b>    |
| <b>Current Age</b>   |                 |                   |                  |
| Average Current Age  | 39.0            | 37.9              | 39.0             |
| 21 & Under   | 745 (4%)        | 33 (2%)           | 778 (4%)         |
| 22-25  | 1,468 (8%)      | 119 (9%)          | 1,587 (8%)       |
| 26-35  | 5,639 (32%)     | 507 (37%)         | 6,146 (33%)      |
| 36-55  | 7,570 (43%)     | 611 (45%)         | 8,181 (43%)      |
| 56 and Over  | 2,056 (12%)     | 100 (7%)          | 2,156 (11%)      |
| Average Age at Admission   | 32.4            | 34.0              | 32.5             |
| <b>Race</b>  |                 |                   |                  |
| Black  | 10,754 (62%)    | 365 (27%)         | 11,119 (59%)     |
| White  | 6,193 (35%)     | 973 (71%)         | 7,166 (38%)      |
| Other  | 531 (3%)        | 32 (2%)           | 563 (3%)         |
| <b>Citizenship</b>   |                 |                   |                  |
| Aliens   | 416 (2%)        | 17 (1%)           | 433 (2%)         |
| Citizens   | 17,061 (98%)    | 1,351 (99%)       | 18,412 (98%)     |
| <b>Sentencing Data/Criminal History</b>  |                 |                   |                  |
| <b>Admission Type:</b>   |                 |                   |                  |
| New  | 14,280 (82%)    | 1,204 (88%)       | 15,484 (82%)     |
| Revocator  | 3,032 (17%)     | 165 (12%)         | 3,197 (17%)      |
| Other  | 166 (1%)        | 1 (0%)            | 167 (1%)         |
| With Current Violent Offense   | 12,639 (72%)    | 690 (50%)         | 13,329 (71%)     |
| With Prior Criminal History  | 10,268 (59%)    | 517 (38%)         | 10,785 (57%)     |
| With Prior Commitments   | 7,348 (42%)     | 323 (24%)         | 7,671 (41%)      |
| Average Sentence Length in Years 1   | 15.3            | 9.8               | 14.8             |
| Average Time to Serve before Maxout 2  | 6.6             | 4.2               | 6.5              |
| Sentences One Year or Less (excl. YOA)   | 327 (2%)        | 91 (7%)           | 418 (2%)         |
| Sentences More than 20 years (excl. lifers)  | 3,531 (20%)     | 157 (11%)         | 3,688 (20%)      |
| With Life Sentence   | 1,997 (11%)     | 72 (5%)           | 2,069 (11%)      |
| With YOA/Juvenile Sentence   | 503 (3%)        | 36 (3%)           | 539 (3%)         |
| On Death Row   | 38 (0%)         | 0 (0%)            | 38 (0%)          |
| Non-Parolable (includes TIS inmates)   | 10,636 (61%)    | 579 (42%)         | 11,215 (60%)     |
| TIS Sentences  | 10,363 (59%)    | 574 (42%)         | 10,937 (58%)     |
| <b>Special Needs</b>   |                 |                   |                  |
| With Children 3  | 11,610 (66%)    | 1,055 (77%)       | 12,665 (67%)     |
| With Convicted Disciplinary in Last 12 Months  | 5,900 (34%)     | 376 (27%)         | 6,276 (33%)      |
| With Victim Witness Indicator  | 12,267 (70%)    | 731 (53%)         | 12,998 (69%)     |
| Sex Registry   | 3,078 (18%)     | 42 (3%)           | 3,120 (17%)      |
| Required DNA Testing   | 17,217 (99%)    | 1,282 (94%)       | 18,499 (98%)     |
| Chemical Dependent per SASSI/TCUDDS 4  | 5,398 (31%)     | 675 (49%)         | 6,073 (32%)      |
| <b>Education/Work</b>  |                 |                   |                  |
| Average Education Level at Intake  | 10.6            | 11.0              | 10.6             |
| Without HS/GED   | 8,649 (49%)     | 575 (42%)         | 9,224 (49%)      |
| <b>Leading Most Serious Offense 5</b>  |                 |                   |                  |
| Homicide   | 22%             | Dang. Drugs       | 25%              |
| Dang. Drugs  | 16%             | Homicide          | 20%              |
| Burglary   | 13%             | Burglary          | 7%               |
| Robbery  | 13%             | Robbery           | 7%               |
| Sexual Assault   | 9%              | Larceny           | 7%               |
| <b>Top Five Committing Counties</b>  |                 |                   |                  |
| Greenville   | 10%             | Greenville        | 12%              |
| Spartanburg  | 9%              | Spartanburg       | 12%              |
| Richland   | 8%              | Horry             | 8%               |
| Charleston   | 8%              | York              | 6%               |
| Horry  | 6%              | Lexington         | 4%               |
| <b>Mental Health Classification</b>  |                 |                   |                  |
| No Mental Health Problem   | 13,504 (77%)    | 554 (40%)         | 14,058 (75%)     |
| Developmentally Disabled   | 14 (0%)         | 3 (0%)            | 17 (0%)          |
| Mentally Ill   | 3,775 (22%)     | 788 (58%)         | 4,563 (24%)      |
| Not Available/Unknown  | 185 (1%)        | 25 (2%)           | 210 (1%)         |

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Lifers, Death-Row & YOAs

<sup>2</sup> Include inmates to be released to Community Supervision under Truth-in-Sentencing, excludes Lifers, Death-Row and YOAs

<sup>3</sup> Based on inmate self-reported information at intake

<sup>4</sup> Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory (SASSI) stopped being used in January 1997. Currently Texas Christian University Drug Dependency Screen (TCUDDS) is used.

<sup>5</sup> To facilitate statistical reporting, SCDCC determines a single "most serious offense" (MSO) for each inmate. Before August 2005, the offense with the longest sentence determined MSO. Effective August 2005, inmates' MSO is the offense with the highest severity level (i.e. offenses are classified between severity level 1 and 5, with 5 as the most severe). In cases where an inmate has multiple offenses at the same severity level, SCDCC considers the category of each offense, where homicide offenses take precedence, followed by sex offenses and violent offenses. If multiple offenses exist within the same category, the offense with the longest sentence then determines MSO. Because of this definitional change, post-2005 MSO data cannot be compared to pre-2005 NOTE: Percentages may not add up due to rounding.

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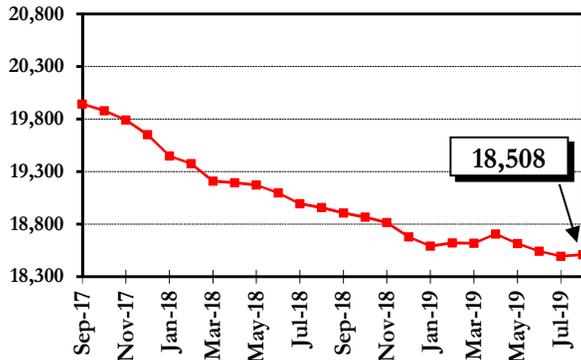
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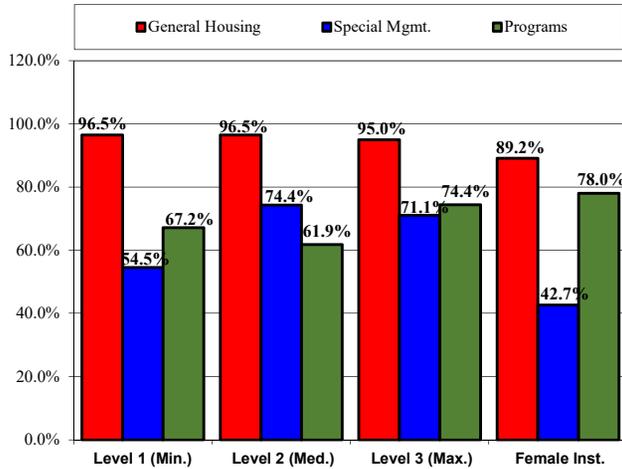
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### SCDC Average Daily Facility Count per Month September 2017 – August 2019



### Bedspace Utilization Rates by Housing Type August 15, 2019



| Average Daily Inmate Population per Year<br>Fiscal Year 2011 - 2019 |                 |                    |                   |                       |                         |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Fiscal Year   | SCDC Facilities | Other <sup>1</sup> | SCDC Jurisdiction | Change over Last Year | % Change over Last Year |
| 2011  | 23,293          | 646                | 23,939            | -771                  | -3.1%                   |
| 2012  | 22,711          | 623                | 23,334            | -605                  | -2.5%                   |
| 2013  | 22,088          | 592                | 22,680            | -654                  | -2.8%                   |
| 2014  | 21,712          | 603                | 22,315            | -365                  | -1.6%                   |
| 2015  | 21,183          | 590                | 21,773            | -542                  | -2.4%                   |
| 2016  | 20,671          | 623                | 21,294            | -479                  | -2.2%                   |
| 2017  | 20,483          | 652                | 21,135            | -159                  | -0.7%                   |
| 2018  | 19,559          | 686                | 20,245            | -890                  | -4.2%                   |
| 2019  | 18,743          | 673                | 19,416            | -829                  | -4.1%                   |

### Admissions to SCDC Fiscal Years 2017 – 2019

| ADMISSIONS                             | FY 2017      |               | FY 2018      |               | FY 2019      |               |
|--|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
|  | #            | %             | #            | %             | #            | %             |
| <b>NEW ADMISSIONS FROM COURT</b>       | <b>6,999</b> | <b>80.8%</b>  | <b>6,187</b> | <b>81.7%</b>  | <b>6,051</b> | <b>82.2%</b>  |
| Indeterminate Sentence (YOA)*          | 630          | 6.6%          | 530          | 7.0%          | 489          | 6.6%          |
| Straight Sentence (Non-YOA)            | 6,317        | 73.8%         | 5,619        | 74.2%         | 5,522        | 75.0%         |
| Other Jurisdiction                     | 52           | 0.4%          | 38           | 0.5%          | 40           | 0.5%          |
| <b>PROBATION REVOCATIONS***</b>        | <b>854</b>   | <b>12.4%</b>  | <b>837</b>   | <b>11.0%</b>  | <b>751</b>   | <b>10.2%</b>  |
| <b>PAROLE REVOCATIONS</b>              | <b>221</b>   | <b>3.3%</b>   | <b>283</b>   | <b>3.8%</b>   | <b>310</b>   | <b>4.2%</b>   |
| Youthful Offender Act (YOA)            | 64           | 1.4%          | 57           | 0.8%          | 72           | 1.0%          |
| NON-YOA                                | 157          | 1.9%          | 226          | 3.0%          | 238          | 3.2%          |
| <b>ISS REVOCATIONS</b>                 | <b>127</b>   | <b>1.8%</b>   | <b>145</b>   | <b>1.9%</b>   | <b>127</b>   | <b>1.7%</b>   |
| <b>SUPERVISED RE-ENTRY REVOCATIONS</b> | <b>43</b>    | <b>0.4%</b>   | <b>43</b>    | <b>0.6%</b>   | <b>40</b>    | <b>0.5%</b>   |
| SF/EPA REVOCATIONS                     | 0            | 0.0%          | 0            | 0.0%          | 0            | 0.0%          |
| <b>COMMUNITY SUPV. REVOCATIONS</b>     | <b>104</b>   | <b>1.3%</b>   | <b>71</b>    | <b>0.9%</b>   | <b>69</b>    | <b>0.9%</b>   |
| RE-SENTENCED                           | 8            | 0.1%          | 11           | 0.1%          | 12           | 0.2%          |
| DEATH ROW                              | 0            | 0.0%          | 0            | 0.0%          | 2            | 0.0%          |
| OTHER **                               | 1            | 0.0%          | 0            | 0.0%          | 1            | 0.0%          |
| <b>TOTAL ADMISSIONS</b>                | <b>8,357</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>7,577</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>7,363</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |

All percentages rounded where possible.  
 \*The Youthful Offender Act provides for indeterminate sentences of 1-6 years for offenders aged 17-25.  
 \*\* These inmates include appeal bond denied, ICC, and other state inmates.  
 \*\* Death Row admissions figures represent placements to death row, includes new admissions, resentenced and returned inmates.  
 \*\*\* Includes only those inmates released to probation from SCDC.

### Most Serious Offense of SCDC Admissions Fiscal Years 2017 - 2019

| OFFENSE CLASSIFICATION  | FY 2017      | FY 2018      | FY 2019      |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| DANGEROUS DRUGS         | 21.5%        | 22.9%        | 24.5%        |
| BURGLARY                | 13.8%        | 14.6%        | 13.1%        |
| ASSAULT                 | 8.0%         | 8.9%         | 8.7%         |
| FAMILY OFFENSE          | 7.1%         | 7.6%         | 8.5%         |
| LARCENY                 | 9.0%         | 7.8%         | 7.6%         |
| ROBBERY                 | 6.3%         | 5.8%         | 5.8%         |
| TRAFFIC OFFENSE         | 6.0%         | 4.8%         | 4.5%         |
| ALL OTHERS              | 28.3%        | 27.6%        | 27.3%        |
| <b>TOTAL ADMISSIONS</b> | <b>8,357</b> | <b>7,577</b> | <b>7,363</b> |

### Average Sentence Length of SCDC Admissions Fiscal Years 2017 - 2019

|                                | FY 2017              | FY 2018               | FY 2019              |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Average Sentence Length</b> | <b>4 Yrs. 6 Mos.</b> | <b>4 Yrs. 10 Mos.</b> | <b>4 Yrs. 8 Mos.</b> |

\* This average does not include inmates with life, death, YOA sentences and inmates released on paid fine, remanded appeal, court order, pardon, resentenced, or death.

### Time Served by SCDC Inmates Released Fiscal Years 2017 – 2019

| TIME SERVED                | FY 2017                 |               | FY 2018                 |               | FY 2019                 |               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|
|                            | #                       | %             | #                       | %             | #                       | %             |
| 3 Months or Less           | 659                     | 7.1%          | 501                     | 5.8%          | 316                     | 4.2%          |
| 3 Months 1 Day-6 Months    | 1,154                   | 12.4%         | 882                     | 10.3%         | 686                     | 9.1%          |
| 6 Months 1 Day-9 Months    | 1,165                   | 12.5%         | 941                     | 11.0%         | 890                     | 11.8%         |
| 9 Months 1 Day-1 Year      | 979                     | 10.5%         | 777                     | 9.1%          | 804                     | 10.7%         |
| 1 Year 1 Day-5 Years       | 4,125                   | 44.3%         | 4,214                   | 49.1%         | 3,740                   | 49.7%         |
| 5 Years 1 Day-10 Years     | 748                     | 8.0%          | 737                     | 8.6%          | 601                     | 8.0%          |
| 10 Years 1 Day-15 Years    | 274                     | 2.9%          | 254                     | 3.0%          | 256                     | 3.4%          |
| 15 Years 1 Day-20 Years    | 127                     | 1.4%          | 135                     | 1.6%          | 121                     | 1.6%          |
| 20 Years 1 Day-25 Years    | 35                      | 0.4%          | 63                      | 0.7%          | 53                      | 0.7%          |
| 25 Years 1 Day-30 Years    | 15                      | 0.2%          | 27                      | 0.3%          | 22                      | 0.3%          |
| Over 30 Years              | 24                      | 0.3%          | 54                      | 0.6%          | 30                      | 0.4%          |
| <b>TOTAL RELEASES</b>      | <b>9,305</b>            | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>8,585</b>            | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>7,519</b>            | <b>100.0%</b> |
| <b>Average Time Served</b> | <b>2 Years 5 Months</b> |               | <b>2 Years 8 Months</b> |               | <b>2 Years 9 Months</b> |               |

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### Releases from SCDC by Type Fiscal Years 2017 – 2019

| RELEASES                                   | FY 2017      |               | FY 2018      |               | FY 2019      |               |
|--|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
|  | #            | %             | #            | %             | #            | %             |
| EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE/ LESS GOOD TIME     | 3,919        | 42.1%         | 3,067        | 35.7%         | 2,518        | 33.5%         |
| MAXOUT - YOA                               | 96           | 1.0%          | 64           | 0.7%          | 83           | 1.1%          |
| PLACED ON PROBATION                        | 1,831        | 19.7%         | 1,659        | 19.3%         | 1,469        | 19.5%         |
| PAROLED TO INTENSIVE SUPERVISION SERVICES* | 513          | 5.5%          | 492          | 5.7%          | 513          | 6.8%          |
| PAROLED BY YOA PAROLE BOARD**              | 199          | 2.1%          | 193          | 2.2%          | 135          | 1.8%          |
| PAROLED BY DPPPS***                        | 820          | 8.8%          | 1,219        | 14.2%         | 1,196        | 15.9%         |
| RE-SENTENCED                               | 17           | 0.2%          | 7            | 0.1%          | 5            | 0.1%          |
| COMMUNITY SUPERVISION                      | 985          | 10.6%         | 957          | 11.1%         | 871          | 11.6%         |
| SUPERVISED RE-ENTRY                        | 812          | 8.7%          | 782          | 9.1%          | 621          | 8.3%          |
| DEATH                                      | 86           | 0.9%          | 114          | 1.3%          | 79           | 1.1%          |
| DEATH-EXECUTED                             | 0            | 0.0%          | 0            | 0.0%          | 0            | 0.0%          |
| RELEASED TO EPA                            | 0            | 0.0%          | 0            | 0.0%          | 0            | 0.0%          |
| OTHER ****                                 | 27           | 0.3%          | 31           | 0.4%          | 29           | 0.4%          |
| <b>TOTAL RELEASES</b>                      | <b>9,305</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>8,585</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>7,519</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |

\* Intensive Supervision Administrative Release Authority (ISARA) assumed YOA Parole Board duties on February 1, 2013.  
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 \*\*\* Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services.  
 \*\*\*\* These releases include court ordered, paid fine, appeal bond, pardon, remanded to county and released on furlough.

### South Carolina Department of Corrections Cost Per Inmate\* Fiscal Years 2015-2019

| Fiscal Year | Based on State Funds Spent |                       | Based on All Funds Spent*** |                       |
|-------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
|             | Annual Cost Per Inmate     | Daily Cost Per Inmate | Annual Cost Per Inmate      | Daily Cost Per Inmate |
| 2015        | \$17,872                   | \$48.96               | \$19,728                    | \$54.05               |
| 2016        | \$18,119                   | \$49.50               | \$19,935                    | \$54.47               |
| 2017        | \$19,054                   | \$52.20               | \$20,925                    | \$57.33               |
| 2018        | \$21,756                   | \$59.61               | \$23,712                    | \$64.96               |
| 2019        | \$23,673                   | \$64.86               | \$25,836                    | \$70.78               |